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Via ECFS Marlene H. Dortch, Secretary Federal Communications Commission 445 12th Street, S.W. Washington, D.C. 20554

## Re: In the Matter of Petition of USTelecom for Forbearance Pursuant to 47 U.S.C. Section 160(c); WC Docket No. 18-141; Category 1

Dear FCC,

I oppose the USTelecom petition. We already have too few choices for competitive providers. I also oppose price hikes that will increase the cost of internet and phone services. Broadband is critical for both my home use and for my small local business. Local broadband providers are critical to a rural area like ours.

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